CERTHIA CHRYSOTIS LATHAM, 1801 (AVES): PROPOSED SUPPRESSION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS. Z.N.(S.) 1653

Submitted by the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature of the International Ornithological Congress (Chairman: Finn Salomonsen)

Certhia chrysotis Latham, 1801, *Index Ornith.*, suppl.: 38, New South Wales. The name in question refers to some Australian species within the large and complicated genus *Meliphaga* (Meliphagidae), but has always been regarded as indeterminable; cf. Mathews, 1924, *Birds of Australia* 9 : 454–456, where the history of this name is discussed.

Latham's name blocks two junior homonyms, but they have both received substitute names which have been generally in use for the species in question, viz.:

Meliphaga chrysotis Lewin, 1808, *Birds of New Holland:* pl. 5, for which Swainson in 1837 (*Classification of Birds* **2** : 326) gave the new name *Ptilotis lewinii*, which is now commonly used for the said species.

Philedon chrysotis Lesson & Garnet, 1828 (March), *in* Duperrey, *Voy.* " *Coquille* " (6) : p. 21 (*Zool.* **1** : 645), for which Lesson as early as June 1828 (*Manuel d'Ornith.* **2** : 67) substituted *Myzantha flaviventer* as a new name.

In order to avoid future confusion it is therefore urged that the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature:

(1) use its plenary powers to suppress the specific name *chrysotis* Latham, 1801, as published in the binomen *Certhia chrysotis*, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy:

(2) place the above mentioned specific name on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

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Appendix

This application was originally submitted in 1958 by the then Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature in an application which also asked suppression of a number of other names. The proposal was read to the session on nomenclature of the XIIth. International Ornithological Congress held in Helsinki in 1958, and no objection was made by any of the assembled ornithologists. For reasons not pertinent to this application, the paper of which it was part was withdrawn. Since the previous Standing Committee approved the application without objection from the Ornithological Congress, the present Standing Committee resubmits it.

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